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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, BM

SUBJ: UNFDAC BURMA PROGRAM

REF: RANGOON 3722 (NOTAL)

1. DURING VISIT OF DEA OFFICIALS TO RANGOON, E CALLED ON UNDP DEPUTY RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE SEMERDJIAN AND UNFDAC ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER U ZAW WIN TO DISCUSS THE UNFDAC BURMA PROJECT. BOTH WERE VERY PLEASED WITH PROGRESS MADE SINCE THE PROJECT OFFICIALLY GOT UNDER WAY AUGUST 1 AND WITH THE COOPERATION THEY HAVE RECEIVED FROM GUB OFFICIALS.

2. FOLLOWING ARE THE MAIN POINTS DISCUSSED:

A. TWO OF THE SIX WORK PLANS FOR THE PROJECT HAVE NOW BEEN AGREED UPON BY THE GUB AND THE U.N., THOSE FOR AGRICULTURE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN INITIATED, AND 31 VEHICLES (MOSTLY LAND ROVERS AND WILLYS JEEPS) AND SOME COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN ORDERED.

B. A GUB DECISION IS EXPECTED SOON ON THE EXPATRIATE
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LIAISON OFFICER FOR THE PROJECT. THREE CANDIDATES HAVE

BEEN PROPOSED BY THE U.N., AND THE BRITISH CANDIDATE
SEEMS TO BE THE MOST LIKELY CHOICE.

C. BOTH THE HEALTH MINISTRY AND THE POLICE HAVE
REQUESTED A NARCOTICS LABORATORY UNDER THE U.N. PROGRAM,
AND THE REQUESTS ARE BEING REVIEWED TO AVOID DUPLICATION.

D. THE GUB IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING WHETHER OR NOT
TO ADHERE TO THE 1961 SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTICS
DRUGS. U ZAW WIN ASKED FOR THE TEXT OF THE CONVENTION
AND ITS PROTOCOLS, AND WE AGREED TO PROVIDE IT.

E. U ZAW WIN ALSO ASKED FOR BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS
ON NARCOTICS IN ORDER TO BUILD UP A SMALL LIBRARY FOR
UN AND GUB USE. DEA REPRESENTATIVES UNDERTOOK TO SEND
SOME.

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